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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A medical device for distal protection during open surgical repair of an aortic aneurysm, comprising:

an elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end;
a first expandable filter mounted fixed at the distal end of the elongate member;
a second expandable filter mounted fixed at the distal end of the elongate member;

a mechanism for expanding the first filter independently of the second filter; and
a mechanism for expanding the second filter independently of the first filter.

12. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein the elongate member is a wire.

13. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, further comprising a sheath that covers the first and second filters and is removable from the filters by sliding proximally.